

Mission of ACA

The Annual Catholic Appeal is directed and operated by Catholic Foundation for Brooklyn and Queens.



The Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) is an opportunity for each of us to unite in faith as a Catholic community and to answer the call to meet the needs of those most vulnerable — the hungry, the homeless, the unemployed, the distressed, the spiritually poor, our children and our elderly, through crucial and essential ministries and services. The Annual Catholic Appeal is conducted as both a parish and diocesan effort, which provides the financial support for the educational, human, pastoral, and spiritual, needs of all in our diocese.

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The Annual Catholic Appeal supports the Diocese and its parishes in three ways:

- Provides an enhanced source of funding in support of people through ministries, programs, and services throughout our community.
- Offers parishioners a chance to directly provide for the work of the Church.
- Grants each parish an annual opportunity to raise funds for **local initiatives** and **projects**. One hundred percent (100%) of all funds received over the parish assigned ACA goal is returned to the parish.

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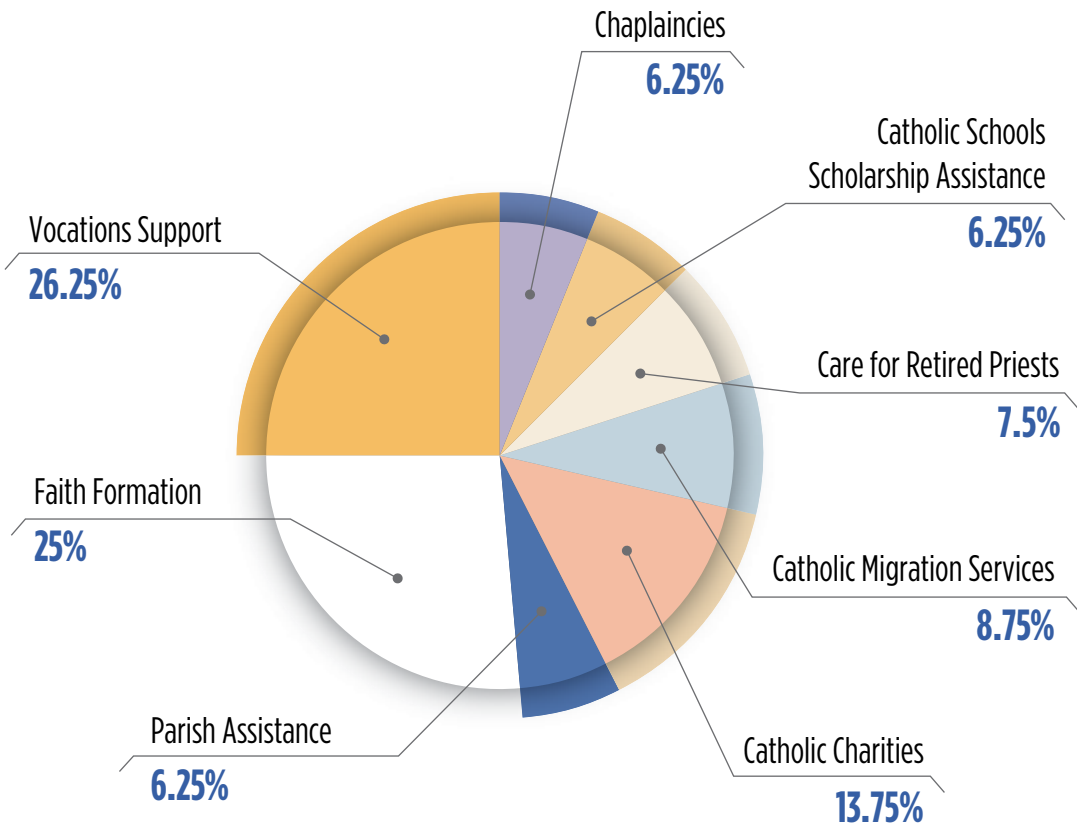
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REPORT TO DONORS

An independent audit of the Annual
Catholic Appeal by Grassi & Company
will be available after the end of the year.



2019 Annual Appeal Case Components



It is the leadership and example of donors, priests, volunteers and parish staff working together which has ensured the success of the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal. **Thank you to all for your hard work and commitment to the faith & good works of the Diocese here in Brooklyn and Queens.**

— Rev. Msgr. Jamie Gigantiello

Our Diocese



Number of Parishes
186 Parishes



Number of Parishioners
1.5 million



Number of Schools & Students
76 Elementary and Academy Schools
22,000 Students



Number of Children in Religious Education
50,153



Number of Nationalities Represented
33 Different Languages



Number of Priests Ministering in the Diocese
401 Priests

2019 Parish Report

CHURCH	CITY	GOAL	PLEDGED	CONTRIBUTED
All Saints	Brooklyn	\$17,889.00	\$26,079.00	\$23,470.78
American Martyrs	Oakland Gardens	\$58,725.00	\$116,757.00	\$116,267.00
Annunciation of the BVM	Brooklyn	\$3,685.00	\$6,814.00	\$6,414.00
Ascension	Elmhurst	\$42,747.00	\$42,747.00	\$42,747.00
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Brooklyn	\$23,117.00	\$13,832.00	\$13,692.00
Blessed Sacrament	Brooklyn	\$50,558.00	\$42,070.50	\$31,406.00
Blessed Sacrament	Jackson Heights	\$90,600.00	\$64,107.85	\$60,623.35
Blessed Trinity	Breezy Point	\$80,102.00	\$71,156.00	\$70,435.28
Blessed Virgin Mary Help of Christians	Woodside	\$47,014.00	\$38,010.18	\$36,542.68
Cathedral Basilica of St. James	Brooklyn	\$10,814.00	\$13,672.50	\$13,542.50
Christ The King R.C. Church	Springfield Gardens	\$30,726.00	\$41,216.50	\$35,425.50
Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph - St. Teresa of Avila	Brooklyn	\$15,362.00	\$15,362.00	\$15,362.00
Corpus Christi	Woodside	\$36,750.00	\$48,350.25	\$41,967.47
Divine Mercy	Brooklyn	\$35,578.00	\$46,682.00	\$44,612.00
Good Shepherd	Brooklyn	\$92,610.00	\$70,543.00	\$69,279.50
Guardian Angel	Brooklyn	\$20,330.00	\$28,375.75	\$25,375.86
Holy Child Jesus	Richmond Hill	\$53,600.00	\$40,590.25	\$40,223.00
Holy Cross	Maspeth	\$56,621.00	\$60,534.97	\$59,446.22
Holy Cross	Brooklyn	\$58,800.00	\$58,800.00	\$58,800.00
Holy Family - St. Thomas Aquinas	Brooklyn	\$22,363.00	\$115,460.32	\$104,738.10
Holy Family	Flushing	\$80,118.00	\$88,122.30	\$83,023.73
Holy Family	Brooklyn	\$72,365.00	\$75,584.25	\$70,740.00
Holy Innocents	Brooklyn	\$30,870.00	\$30,870.00	\$30,870.00
Holy Name of Jesus	Brooklyn	\$46,064.00	\$116,267.04	\$111,706.29
Holy Spirit	Brooklyn	\$19,060.00	\$29,080.25	\$18,190.63
Holy Trinity	Whitestone	\$54,274.00	\$76,275.80	\$75,125.80
Immaculate Conception	Astoria	\$70,785.00	\$108,776.74	\$97,516.39
Immaculate Conception	Jamaica	\$92,466.00	\$100,426.87	\$97,870.62
Immaculate Heart of Mary	Brooklyn	\$38,767.00	\$48,910.00	\$47,982.48
Incarnation	Queens Village	\$45,946.00	\$48,020.00	\$46,177.58
Mary of Nazareth	Brooklyn	\$9,911.00	\$2,568.00	\$2,568.00
Mary Queen of Heaven	Brooklyn	\$59,231.00	\$71,185.00	\$70,276.50
Mary, Mother of the Church	Brooklyn	\$24,150.00	\$36,424.75	\$23,615.59
Mary's Nativity - St. Ann	Flushing	\$71,741.00	\$50,392.00	\$49,636.00
Most Holy Trinity - St. Mary	Brooklyn	\$25,200.00	\$32,559.00	\$27,534.50
Most Precious Blood	Brooklyn	\$19,240.00	\$22,069.00	\$21,797.58
Most Precious Blood	Long Island City	\$56,700.00	\$47,868.30	\$57,689.75
Nativity of the B.V.M.-St. Stanislaus B & M	Ozone Park	\$56,427.00	\$47,141.50	\$47,022.50
Our Lady Help of Christians	Brooklyn	\$32,147.00	\$43,747.00	\$43,175.00
Our Lady of Angels	Brooklyn	\$99,584.00	\$118,036.07	\$116,483.32
Our Lady of Consolation	Brooklyn	\$14,104.00	\$15,124.00	\$14,964.00
Our Lady of Czestochowa - St. Casimir	Brooklyn	\$27,280.00	\$35,975.00	\$34,315.00
Our Lady of Fatima	East Elmhurst	\$58,725.00	\$72,562.00	\$68,309.00
Our Lady of Grace	Howard Beach	\$42,931.00	\$59,671.21	\$56,046.21
Our Lady of Grace	Brooklyn	\$47,014.00	\$36,937.00	\$35,693.00
Our Lady of Guadalupe	Brooklyn	\$43,963.00	\$47,510.00	\$47,376.00
Our Lady of Hope	Middle Village	\$80,298.00	\$73,405.00	\$71,485.00
Our Lady of Light	Saint Albans	\$35,811.00	\$57,094.50	\$55,824.50
Our Lady of Lourdes	Queens Village	\$71,623.00	\$75,219.00	\$72,489.03
Our Lady of Mercy	Forest Hills	\$77,254.00	\$107,309.00	\$106,235.00
Our Lady of Miracles	Brooklyn	\$29,125.00	\$29,125.00	\$29,125.00
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Long Island City	\$61,883.00	\$72,214.58	\$70,089.88
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Brooklyn	\$21,198.00	\$29,880.00	\$27,752.15
Our Lady of Peace	Brooklyn	\$6,226.00	\$6,226.00	\$6,226.00
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Brooklyn	\$62,181.00	\$80,101.85	\$73,138.94
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	South Ozone Park	\$49,989.00	\$42,736.26	\$40,021.01
Our Lady of Refuge	Brooklyn	\$42,000.00	\$42,000.00	\$42,000.00
Our Lady of Solace	Brooklyn	\$25,270.00	\$25,270.00	\$25,270.00
Our Lady of Sorrows	Corona	\$116,280.00	\$116,280.00	\$116,280.00
Our Lady of the Angelus	Rego Park	\$37,905.00	\$44,779.00	\$42,741.00
Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament	Bayside	\$89,164.00	\$98,832.00	\$97,613.00
Our Lady of the Cenacle	Richmond Hill	\$26,250.00	\$25,168.25	\$21,028.25
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal	Ridgewood	\$46,711.00	\$55,379.00	\$53,768.00
Our Lady of the Presentation - Our Lady of Mercy	Brooklyn	\$26,250.00	\$13,280.00	\$13,030.00
Our Lady of the Rosary of Pompeii	Brooklyn	\$10,500.00	\$13,085.50	\$12,222.50
Our Lady of the Skies	Jamaica	\$1,220.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Our Lady of the Snows	Floral Park	\$101,224.00	\$132,062.50	\$129,812.59
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs	Forest Hills	\$94,880.00	\$153,432.13	\$146,060.64
Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Jamaica	\$46,820.00	\$170,748.58	\$129,873.00
Queen of All Saints	Brooklyn	\$35,250.00	\$37,888.50	\$35,688.50
Queen of Angels	Sunnyside	\$43,218.00	\$54,068.00	\$53,615.77
Queen of Peace	Flushing	\$18,666.00	\$21,953.00	\$21,087.00
Resurrection - Ascension	Middle Village	\$62,027.00	\$67,650.50	\$67,067.50
Resurrection	Brooklyn	\$42,312.00	\$55,449.00	\$51,224.00
Sacred Heart of Jesus	Cambria Heights	\$54,274.00	\$110,098.75	\$86,535.07
Sacred Heart of Jesus	Bayside	\$86,911.00	\$110,750.40	\$107,918.40
Sacred Heart	East Glendale	\$63,410.00	\$65,652.02	\$63,658.27
Sacred Hearts - St. Stephen	Brooklyn	\$32,306.00	\$49,780.00	\$48,073.00
SS. Cyril and Methodius	Brooklyn	\$25,032.00	\$27,927.98	\$27,927.98
SS. Joachim and Anne	Queens Village	\$52,924.00	\$56,574.50	\$53,042.01
SS. Peter and Paul	Brooklyn	\$24,269.00	\$19,896.95	\$17,756.95
SS. Simon and Jude	Brooklyn	\$33,799.00	\$37,045.66	\$37,030.66
St. Adalbert	Elmhurst	\$39,390.00	\$42,609.00	\$39,812.16
St. Agatha	Brooklyn	\$46,485.00	\$84,604.50	\$70,463.78
St. Aloysius	Ridgewood	\$35,464.00	\$21,672.50	\$21,672.50
St. Anastasia	Douglaston	\$95,338.00	\$129,384.58	\$126,797.92
St. Andrew Avellino	Flushing	\$86,005.00	\$86,005.00	\$86,005.00
St. Andrew The Apostle	Brooklyn	\$34,316.00	\$40,585.00	\$40,149.32
St. Anselm	Brooklyn	\$98,220.00	\$84,104.00	\$83,443.67
St. Anthony-St. Alphonsus	Brooklyn	\$33,437.00	\$41,578.75	\$37,300.00
St. Athanasius	Brooklyn	\$85,105.00	\$97,053.00	\$92,138.50

CHURCH	CITY	GOAL	PLEDGED	CONTRIBUTED
St. Augustine	Brooklyn	\$35,705.00	\$18,162.70	\$15,644.20
St. Barbara	Brooklyn	\$37,832.00	\$52,036.00	\$51,153.00
St. Bartholomew	Elmhurst	\$94,500.00	\$74,881.09	\$61,113.16
St. Benedict Joseph Labre	South Richmond Hill	\$18,249.00	\$23,873.00	\$22,225.00
St. Bernadette	Brooklyn	\$47,776.00	\$60,108.00	\$54,898.00
St. Bernard	Brooklyn	\$51,115.00	\$73,512.00	\$71,753.25
St. Bonaventure - St. Benedict the Moor	Jamaica	\$27,947.00	\$28,328.00	\$26,448.60
St. Boniface	Brooklyn	\$48,720.00	\$28,737.00	\$28,737.00
St. Brendan	Brooklyn	\$23,834.00	\$26,449.00	\$25,999.00
St. Brigid	Brooklyn	\$45,836.00	\$45,836.00	\$45,836.00
St. Camillus - St. Virgilius	Rockaway Park	\$44,797.00	\$50,018.00	\$47,543.00
St. Catharine of Alexandria	Brooklyn	\$21,426.00	\$28,138.32	\$26,515.82
St. Catherine of Genoa	Brooklyn	\$41,782.00	\$47,186.50	\$43,381.50
St. Charles Borromeo	Brooklyn	\$30,925.00	\$30,925.00	\$30,925.00
St. Clare	Rosedale	\$47,903.00	\$60,458.00	\$53,237.22
St. Clement Pope	South Ozone Park	\$17,281.00	\$24,816.75	\$24,246.75
St. Columba	Brooklyn	\$38,910.00	\$61,462.44	\$59,439.44
St. Dominic	Brooklyn	\$22,399.00	\$26,565.50	\$26,041.50
St. Edmund	Brooklyn	\$32,655.00	\$29,171.00	\$28,911.00
St. Elizabeth	Ozone Park	\$35,177.00	\$39,875.75	\$31,426.76
St. Ephrem	Brooklyn	\$99,236.00	\$114,345.00	\$110,835.00
St. Fidelis	College Point	\$51,689.00	\$42,928.00	\$37,963.00
St. Finbar	Brooklyn	\$38,336.00	\$55,157.00	\$44,845.00
St. Fortunata	Brooklyn	\$20,277.00	\$30,517.50	\$25,355.50
St. Frances Cabrini	Brooklyn	\$25,032.00	\$28,705.00	\$28,705.00
St. Frances de Chantal	Brooklyn	\$28,142.00	\$29,980.00	\$29,780.00
St. Francis De Sales	Belle Harbor	\$117,880.00	\$117,880.00	\$117,880.00
St. Francis Of Assisi	Long Island City	\$41,148.00	\$41,327.00	\$41,227.00
St. Francis of Assisi-St. Blaise	Brooklyn	\$65,760.00	\$65,760.00	\$65,760.00
St. Francis Xavier	Brooklyn	\$34,747.00	\$47,510.00	\$47,260.00
St. Gabriel	East Elmhurst	\$24,150.00	\$22,373.50	\$17,342.15
St. Gerard Majella	Hollis	\$20,711.00	\$16,130.00	\$15,760.00
St. Gregory The Great	Bellerose	\$86,100.00	\$93,410.58	\$89,525.58
St. Helen	Howard Beach	\$81,267.00	\$81,022.75	\$78,593.75
St. Jerome	Brooklyn	\$43,169.00	\$74,490.00	\$58,190.08
St. Joan of Arc	Jackson Heights	\$120,321.00	\$130,222.56	\$126,985.06
St. John The Baptist	Brooklyn	\$20,450.00	\$28,366.00	\$23,387.00
St. John The Evangelist - St. Rocco	Brooklyn	\$17,480.00	\$23,591.00	\$17,480.00
St. John Vianney	Flushing	\$25,948.00	\$72,612.50	\$69,972.86
St. Josaphat	Bayside	\$22,363.00	\$13,610.00	\$13,610.00
St. Joseph Patron of the Universal Church	Brooklyn	\$30,870.00	\$31,163.00	\$29,719.25
St. Joseph	Long Island City	\$52,682.00	\$56,144.00	\$55,857.00
St. Joseph	Jamaica	\$8,640.00	\$9,065.00	\$8,755.00
St. Jude	Brooklyn	\$42,787.00	\$49,092.00	\$41,909.87
St. Kevin	Flushing	\$92,322.00	\$114,348.50	\$113,608.50
St. Laurence	Brooklyn	\$24,437.00	\$26,430.00	\$25,889.00
St. Leo	Corona	\$43,168.00	\$35,485.50	\$34,812.50
St. Luke	Whitestone	\$95,551.00	\$93,724.09	\$92,574.09
St. Margaret Mary	Brooklyn	\$2,236.00	\$9,235.00	\$8,485.00
St. Margaret	Middle Village	\$65,897.00	\$72,631.50	\$72,418.19
St. Mark R.C. Church	Brooklyn	\$38,119.00	\$72,775.50	\$69,992.49
St. Martin de Porres	Brooklyn	\$59,586.00	\$47,101.00	\$41,494.00
St. Martin of Tours	Brooklyn	\$40,025.00	\$40,025.00	\$40,025.00
St. Mary Gate Of Heaven	Ozone Park	\$40,024.00	\$49,854.64	\$46,359.72
St. Mary Magdalene	Springfield Gardens	\$19,240.00	\$24,265.00	\$23,715.00
St. Mary Mother of Jesus	Brooklyn	\$44,800.00	\$60,681.00	\$58,243.28
St. Mary	Long Island City	\$15,794.00	\$40,649.00	\$33,274.00
St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude	Far Rockaway	\$45,489.00	\$75,162.75	\$62,045.00
St. Mary Star of the Sea	Brooklyn	\$17,804.00	\$22,881.00	\$22,121.00
St. Matthew	Brooklyn	\$123,520.00	\$123,520.00	\$123,520.00
St. Matthias	Ridgewood	\$70,695.00	\$81,395.00	\$80,257.00
St. Mel	Flushing	\$73,828.00	\$115,154.06	\$112,796.56
St. Michael - St. Malachy	Brooklyn	\$20,223.00	\$26,473.00	\$22,069.00
St. Michael	Flushing	\$58,898.00	\$89,324.50	\$83,224.50
St. Michael	Brooklyn	\$41,396.00	\$58,273.75	\$45,359.75
St. Nicholas of Tolentine	Jamaica	\$76,529.00	\$94,547.25	\$84,795.25
St. Pancras	Glendale	\$42,438.00	\$52,601.00	\$50,041.00
St. Patrick	Brooklyn	\$101,905.00	\$133,890.00	\$131,771.00
St. Patrick	Long Island City	\$16,712.00	\$29,922.25	\$29,058.25
St. Paul - St. Agnes	Brooklyn	\$37,331.00	\$50,974.00	\$50,257.00
St. Paul Chong Ha-Sang	Flushing	\$144,265.00	\$146,260.00	\$146,160.00
St. Paul the Apostle	Corona	\$34,688.00	\$17,806.51	\$15,043.51
St. Pius V	Jamaica	\$12,492.00	\$16,086.00	\$14,608.00
St. Pius X	Rosedale	\$24,696.00	\$37,057.00	\$35,377.00
St. Raphael	Long Island City	\$41,991.00	\$54,076.00	\$51,476.15
St. Rita	Long Island City	\$22,657.00	\$22,332.32	\$23,107.00
St. Rita	Brooklyn	\$27,028.00	\$22,763.00	\$19,120.50
St. Robert Bellarmine	Oakland Gardens	\$60,766.00	\$87,552.25	\$85,568.22
St. Rosalia - Regina Pacis	Brooklyn	\$50,063.00	\$60,126.00	\$55,167.34
St. Rose of Lima	Brooklyn	\$28,860.00	\$29,801.00	\$25,381.00
St. Rose of Lima	Rockaway Beach	\$35,324.00	\$31,040.82	\$28,160.82
St. Saviour	Brooklyn	\$54,274.00	\$54,714.00	\$52,872.00
St. Sebastian	Woodside	\$159,310.00	\$159,310.00	\$159,310.00
St. Stanislaus Kostka	Maspeth	\$28,843.00	\$21,442.00	\$21,000.00
St. Stanislaus Kostka	Brooklyn	\$67,597.00	\$43,305.00	\$43,110.00
St. Sylvester	Brooklyn	\$19,294.00	\$12,641.25	\$7,625.75
St. Teresa of Avila - St. Anthony of Padua	S Ozone Park	\$44,654.00	\$24,924.00	\$45,314.00
St. Teresa of Avila	Brooklyn	\$18,424.00	\$22,803.19	\$19,937.94
St. Teresa	Woodside	\$42,787.00	\$62,184.03	\$54,501.53
St. Therese of Lisieux	Brooklyn	\$51,969.00	\$72,325.00	\$68,061.00
St. Thomas Aquinas	Brooklyn	\$55,780.00	\$98,973.58	\$83,988.22
St. Thomas the Apostle	Woodhaven	\$52,551.00	\$55,573.25	\$52,551.00
St. Vincent Ferrer	Brooklyn	\$47,250.00	\$55,314.00	\$54,417.50
Transfiguration	Brooklyn	\$23,260.00	\$37,685.00	\$35,373.00
Transfiguration	Maspeth	\$19,186.00	\$19,186.00	\$19,186.00
Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Brooklyn	\$10,419.00	\$21,146.00	\$16,079.25

Outstanding Parish Performers



Top 10 by Percentage of Goal Received

CURCH	CITY	GOAL	AMOUNT PLEDGED	CONTRIBUTED	PERCENT RECEIVED
Holy Family - St. Thomas Aquinas	Brooklyn	\$22,363.00	\$115,460.32	\$104,738.10	468.35%
St. Margaret Mary	Brooklyn	\$2,236.00	\$9,235.00	\$8,485.00	379.47%
St. John Vianney	Flushing	\$25,948.00	\$72,612.50	\$69,972.86	269.67%
Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Jamaica	\$46,820.00	\$170,748.58	\$129,873.00	256.10%
Holy Name of Jesus	Brooklyn	\$46,064.00	\$116,267.04	\$111,706.29	242.50%
St. Mary	Long Island City	\$15,794.00	\$40,649.00	\$33,274.00	210.67%
American Martyrs	Oakland Gardens	\$58,725.00	\$116,757.00	\$116,267.00	197.99%
St. Mark	Brooklyn	\$38,119.00	\$72,775.50	\$69,992.49	183.62%
Annunciation of the BVM	Brooklyn	\$3,685.00	\$6,814.00	\$6,414.00	174.06%
St. Patrick	Long Island City	\$16,712.00	\$29,922.25	\$29,058.25	173.88%

Top 10 by Amount Contributed

CHURCH	CITY	GOAL	CONTRIBUTED
St. Sebastian	Woodside	\$159,310.00	\$159,310.00
St. Paul Chong Ha-Sang	Flushing	\$144,265.00	\$146,160.00
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs	Forest Hills	\$94,880.00	\$146,060.64
St. Patrick	Brooklyn	\$101,905.00	\$131,771.00
Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Jamaica	\$46,820.00	\$129,873.00
Our Lady of the Snows	Floral Park	\$101,224.00	\$129,812.59
St. Joan of Arc R.C. Church	Jackson Heights	\$120,321.00	\$126,985.06
St. Anastasia R.C. Church	Douglaston	\$95,338.00	\$126,797.92
Our Lady of Angels	Brooklyn	\$99,584.00	\$116,483.32
American Martyrs	Oakland Gardens	\$58,725.00	\$116,267.00

\$1,438,261 returned
back to **parishes**

2019 ACA Results as of January 20, 2020



41,810
Pledges



\$251
Average Gift



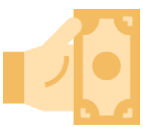
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Did you know?

- In the Diocese of Brooklyn last year, there were **50,153 children** in Religious Education, **11,921 Baptisms**, **10,613 First Communions** and **8,965 Confirmations**.
- **1,000 weekly Sunday Masses** celebrated in the Diocese of Brooklyn.
- **5,000 students** received **tuition assistance** from **Futures in Education**.
- Catholic Charities served more than **224,507 clients** throughout Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens.
- Catholic Charities operates a network of **20 Diocesan food pantries** and helps distribute more than **1.7 million meals to 115,000 people**.
- **12,200 families** were helped through Prevention Programs, Homebase Homelessness Prevention, Refugee Resettlement, Afterschool Programs, ESL and NYC Adult Literacy Initiative, WIC Programs and the Healthy Families Program.



The Impact Your Support has on People in Brooklyn and Queens

“ If we live our faith in our daily life, then our work too becomes the chance to spread the joy of being a Christian. — Pope Francis ”



Faith Formation \$2 Million

Beatris Cornejal
RCIA Coordinator

I am very grateful for the RCIA program for preparing me to receive my sacraments and become an active member of my parish, Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Brooklyn.

After completing the program I began to volunteer my time with the RCIA helping with the catechesis.

I didn't have any formal training and was sent to The Holy Spirit Institute under the Faith Formation Office to be trained in the teachings. I received formation in theology, human development, Mariology, Christology, and Church documents.

Two years later, I was asked to become the Coordinator of the RCIA at my parish! I owe this great opportunity to help build God's Kingdom to all the donors of the Annual Catholic Appeal who support The Faith Formation Office in our Diocese.



Support for the Bishop Mugavero Residence for Infirm Clergy \$600,000

Msgr. Michael J. Cantley

Msgr. Michael Cantley was ordained in 1955 and has been a priest for 64 years serving many parishes in the Diocese of Brooklyn, specifically in Queens.

In addition to being a pastor he has served on various diocesan committees, including being a member and chairman of the Tablet's board of directors.

In 2004 Msgr. Cantley retired and moved to the Bishop Mugavero Residence for retired priests. Msgr. Cantley stays very active at the residence; offering daily mass and enjoying the many services provided such as the exercise room and library. Msgr. Cantley is very grateful to the Annual Catholic Appeal for giving retired priests a place to go and live among other retired brother priests.



Futures in Education Changing lives through the gift of education \$500,000

Shirley D'Souza, a parent

I immigrated from the Islamic Republic of Pakistan with my husband and four children in 2014 and was faced with the formidable challenge of finding a new life: jobs, schools and a place to live. I believed that God had guided us out from that place safely, He has never abandoned us before and I knew He would guide us through this.

We had dreamed and hoped that our sons would get a good Catholic education, I was reluctant to ask because I knew we would not be able to afford the tuition. Thanks to this program, my boys received scholarships to help ease the stress of their tuition. St. Mary Gate of Heaven has provided a safe, consistent, stable and loving environment for my boys to learn and grow.



Vocations Support \$2.1 Million

Seminarian Paulo Salazar

I grew up in Elmhurst, attended St. Joan of Arc school and have been greatly involved in the parish.

The first year and half of my college career was spent at American University in Washington D.C. studying biology until I decided to discern more faithfully to the calling God had in store for me. I soon transferred to St. John's University to seriously discern God's calling for me.

Through the great support from Fr. Sean Suckiel and the Vocations Office, I am joyfully able to continue my discernment in the seminary. The Vocations Office has been a great resource for my time in the seminary. I would like to express my gratitude towards you, the donors of the Annual Catholic Appeal. Thank you for supporting my fellow seminarians and I, so one day, God willing, we can serve you. Please keep us in your prayers as you are always in ours. Thank you for being a beacon of faith, hope, and love so we can live our call to be faithful men of Christ.

Catholic Migration Services \$700,000

José Miranda: A Second Year Fellow Assigned to Catholic Migration Services will always remember his first clients - a family from Nicaragua

Camilo and his family came to Catholic Migration Services in the fall seeking immigration assistance just as I was starting my fellowship. Camilo and his family arrived at the U.S. southern border seeking safety and protection after being targeted by the (FSLN)-- The family received death threats and fled Nicaragua to the U.S. seeking asylum. They sought assistance from Catholic



Migration Services where we met. I advocated on behalf of Camilo and his family during an expedited case in immigration court which led to a successful outcome. Camilo tells me he feels lucky to even be alive. "I feel like I won the lottery three times. First when I arrived safe to the U.S., second when I met José, and third when I was granted asylum."

Catholic Charities \$1.1 Million

Ivanna Holly

I was referred to the **Open Door Club** from the Kings County Hospital for socialization support. There, I found the staff to be very supportive and understanding to my recovery needs and supportive of my goals. Shortly after, I became homeless and went into a shelter, I was so afraid, but the staff supported me every step of the way in applying for housing. Today I am living in **Catholic Charities Supported Housing Program** and continue to volunteer in the

work ordered day activities. Through the encouragement of the program staff, I was able to register and participate in the New York State Peer Academy training. After several months, I was successful in acquiring my state certification. The Open Door Club program staff selected me from amongst my peers to attend a two week training in Boston, Massachusetts in the International Clubhouse model development. A peer position became vacant in the program and I applied, interviewed and was offered the position. I am so privileged to be a member of the Open Door Club and the hope it gives me which compels me to give back to others. Thank you or your support of Catholic Charities which made all of this possible.



Chaplaincies \$500,000

Mr. James Reganis
Patient at Jamaica Hospital
Medical Center

I experience the presence of God through the visitation of the chaplain who consoles me, encourages me and who contributes to my physical and spiritual care through the Sacrament of Confession, the Anointing of the sick and especially through the Holy Eucharist on a daily basis. The sacraments which are

spiritual rescues help me overcome my physical health and mental health challenges. I testify that the Roman Catholic Church is similar to a field hospital through the Annual Catholic Appeal, with the presence of the chaplain who is always nearby to assist me spiritually. This is according to the new definition of the Church, as per Pope Francis. I thank and congratulate all the donors of Annual Catholic Appeal who share their gifts which are the visible signs of the Love of God through fraternal charity. I am an example among the thousands of Jamaica Hospital Medical Center patients who prove that the spiritual care provided by the chaplain ensure my holistic treatment process and recovery at this hospital.